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DEQ ANNOUNCES 2002 – 2003 LITTER ABATEMENT AWARDS

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is pleased to announce the selection of 19 applicants to receive litter abatement grant money for the 2002 – 2003 fiscal year.

For the last several years, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated \$200,000.00 from the state general fund to be used in litter abatement programs. These monies are managed by DEQ for the administration and execution of the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Programs by local governments, quasi-governmental units and nonprofit organizations. DEQ supports strong litter abatement programs, which have education, enforcement, and cleanup components.

Local governments, communities, and grassroot organizations demonstrate a high level of interest in keeping Louisiana beautiful by identifying and controlling litter problems in the state. Consequently, funding requests far exceed available resources. This year, sixty-seven proposals were received from across Louisiana requesting funds totaling \$864,090.00.

"Local governments and neighborhood associations, partnering with DEQ and the legislature are visualizing and realizing a cleaner Louisiana for us all," noted DEQ Secretary J. Dale Givens. "Through activities focusing on education, enforcement, and cleanups these organizations are working together to make the public more aware of litter laws and the effects of litter on our communities".

Award recipients for 2002- 2003

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| Ascension Parish Government | \$ 7,857 |
| City of Hammond | \$ 9,500 |
| City of Lake Charles | \$20,000 |
| City of Mandeville | \$15,550 |
| City of Morgan City | \$14,450 |
| City of Natchitoches | \$ 9,700 |
| East Carroll Parish Sheriff's Office | \$ 3,950 |
| Jackson Parish Police Jury | \$ 8,250 |
| Keep Baton Rouge Beautiful, Inc. | \$20,000 |
| Lacombe Heritage Center (Lacombe) | \$ 8,240 |
| Livingston Parish | \$16,995 |
| New Orleans City Park | \$ 4,940 |
| Ouachita Parish Police Jury | \$13,430 |
| St. John the Baptist Parish Council | \$ 5,500 |
| St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office | \$ 5,500 |
| St. Martin Parish Government | \$ 9,981 |
| Swamp Eyes (St. Rose) | \$ 2,560 |
| Town of Springfield | \$ 2,278 |
| Trailblazer Rural Development Institute (Ruston) | \$19,700 |

State Funding Awarded